(b) The Cigarette Companies are being advised to use good quality tobacco in the manufacture of Cigarettes.

Technology Import and Collaboration Agreements

1832. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of technology import and collaboration programmes finalised in 1985 and so far during the current financial year;

(b) the total value of such agreements;

(c) number of countries with which these agreements have been signed; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to assess the usefulness of these agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Government has approved 1024 and 658 foreign collaboration proposals in the years 1985 and 1986 (Jan-Sept) respectively. Out of these proposals 409 proposals involved financial participation by foreign companies amounting to Rs. 18624.468 lakhs. The details of all approved foreign collaborations showing the names of Indian and foreign firms, item of manufacture and nature of collaboration are published on a monthly basis by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to its monthly Newsletter. Copies of these publications are sent regularly to the Parliament Library.

(d) Follow up of the approvals and watching the implementation thereof is the responsibility of the Administrative Ministries and no centralised information is available about the number of approvals which have fructified.

1833. *[Transferred to the 1st December, 1986.]*

Industrial Licences

1834. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pelased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of industrial licences and letters of intent issued upto the end of September, 1986; and

(b) the number of industrial licences and letters of intent involving foreign collaboration both financial and technical?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A statement showing the number of letters of intent and industrial licences issued (State-wise) during January to September, 1986 is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) Separate information regarding letters of intent and industrial licences which also involve collaboration agreements is not being maintained in the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals. However, during January-September, 1986, a total of 658 foreign collaboration proposals were approved of which 171 proposals also involved foreign equity.